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HELD ON CHARGE OF THEFT AND ARSON

University Student Accused of Robbing Laboratory of \$2,500 in Platinum.

SAID TO HAVE SET BUILDING ON FIRE TO CONCEAL CRIME

Richmond Boy Held for Albemarle County Grand Jury Under \$10,000 Bail.

FRATERNITY HOUSE SEARCHED

Conducted by State Bureau of Insurance.

chemical laboratory of the University It is a family heirloom. action of the Albemarle County grand

a \$10,000 bond, furnished by his father, ber on Monday. was begun within three days by the Weather Burea the State Fire Marshall's office and Chief of Police Z L. Damren of Charlottesville, led the detectives and colder Monday. in the last few days to Crenshaw's room in one of the fraternity houses,

and his arrest followed. CHARGED WITH BURNING

PUBLIC BUILDING AT NIGHT Crenshaw was arrested under warrants issued by Justice of the Peace James Humbert, charging him with the nighttime and with housebreaking and grand larceny. Ball Commissioner W. F. Long admitted him to ball in the the gravest sort, the note of patriotism sum of \$10,000 for his appearance at dominates all else. a preliminary hearing held at 12:33 The American flag and red, white morrow, in a two-hour silent demon-o'clock yesterday afternoon. The hear- and blue comprise the whole scheme stration, their siege of President Wil-

obtainable last night, but it is underheld for the action of the grand jury making it look as if it were the top goings to impress him in the last days at the next term of the Albemarle part of the shaft suspended 500 feet of his first term with their determina-

WIDELY KNOWN IN

SOCIETY AND CLUB CIRCLES Richmond and university circles last night news of the arrest created a profound sensation. The young man widely known in the local society and club world, where he has been a general favorite. At the university his position was not less prominent In his room at the fraternity chapter house, according to the investigators, was found a quantity of the platinum which he is charged with stealing from the college laboratory.

The arrest of Crenshaw was the culmination of an inquiry that was in- PRESIDENT DESIRES stituted by Commissioner Joseph Button, of the State Insurance Department, immediately upon being notified by the university authorities that they suspected the laboratory fire to be of incendiary origin. As Commissioner of Insurance, Colonel Button is ex-officio State Fire Marshal, charged with the duty of investigating all fires of susprivate or State-owned buildings. BOX RIFLED OF ITS

VALUABLE CONTENTS

Deputy Lewis E. Twyning was ason the mystery. Following the suggestion of the college officials, the fire marshal combed the ruins for the metal box in which were kept the valuable platinum crucibles and other rare metals. A large group of relatives and used in the laboratory's experiments, friends, including Colonel E. M. House, inum crucibles and other rare metals After sifting the ashes and debris for days, Twyning at last found the box, but it was empty. The finding of the rifled box added

weight to the theory of robbery. Its President on bills passed in the last contents were roughly valued at \$5,000, hours of Congress, and they will be mainly in platinum. At this stage in the investigation. Colonel Button sent out from his office in Richmond notices every dealer in platinum in the United States, apprising him of the suspected theft, and warning him to be a great spectacle. on the lookout for persons offering the metal for sale. Similar warnings were sent out to the police depart ments of the principal cities of the country, with the request that a sharp lookout be kept for the missing platinum in pawnshops.

ALL MEMBERS OF CLASS

KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE cial affair to take its place. classes that had used the building were Tilden controversy upset all inaugurakept under close surveillance. Before tion plans. The final vote of and it was through this channel, it is ing a ball. believed, that the officers gathered the evidence on which they based the war- EXTRA SESSION BEFORE

rants against Crenshaw. The Albemarle grand jury will meet on the first Monday in April. The charges leave room for separate indictments for house-burning, house-(Continued on Eleventh Page.)

more 7:00 A. M. Faren \$2.50 one way, \$4.50 sound trip. YORK RIVER LINE.—Adv.

S.D. CRENSHAW, IV., President Will Take Oath at Noon To-Day in Office at Capitol

Wilson Urges Passage

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- Pres-

ident Wilson telegraphed the pres-

ident of the Tennessee Senate to-

a woman suffrage bill a few days

The measure already had massed

and the President said he felt the

upper house was shirking a moral

responsibility when it refused to

Hon. W. R. Crabtree, President of

"May I not express my earness

hope that the Senate of Tennessee

will reconsider the vote by which is

rejected the legislation extending

the suffrage to women? Our party

is so distinctly pledged to its pas-

ange that it seems to me the moral

AT WHITE HOUSE TO-DAY

After Encircling Mansion, Will Bring

Watch to Close, With Two-Hour

Silent Demonstration.

Reproduction of March of Israelites

for 3 o'Clock This Afternoon.

By Associated Press.

purple, white and gold, woman suf-

fragists will bring to a climax to-

Only in a modified form, however,

ram's horn," the citadel signifying to

abrendoned has not been made entirely

them explaining that the critical inter-

and others hinting that some of those

in the suffrage ranks thought it might

scheme was abandoned because it was

are optimistic that the walls of th

Jericho they have besieged will

fluence of silent methods. But they

do not claim to have definite basis for

shown no sign of wavering in his op-

saluted the pickets always encountered

rain or shine, when the presidential

ear has left or entered the White

To-morrow's demonstration, the most

line is to be kept at attention.

Miss Vida Milhottand, of New York,

a younger sister of Mrs. Inez Milhol-

land Boissevain, revered among the

will lead the march. Behind her will

suffragists as a martyr to the cause,

be borne the old banner heralding a

suffrage amendment carried for many

years in suffrage parades over the con-

tinent. Then will come a group of

State delegations and, last of all, the

rank and file of women, including law-

yers, doctors, social leaders, nurses and

stenographers, who have volunteered

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Three trains daily to points South .- Adv.

WILL LEAD MARCH

MISS VIDA MILHOLLAS

their hopes.

House grounds

of his state of siege.

dential term.

NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR

tion to have the ballot.

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- Encircling

Around Jericho to Be Reproduced

Only in Modified Form-Scheduled

"WOODROW WILSON,"

ago would be reconsidered.

The telegram follows:

obligation is complete.

of Suffrage Measure

Public Ceremonies on Monday Promise to Be Great Demonstration of Americanism.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson will take the oath which makes him President of the United States for another term to-morrow, probably at noon, privately and without ceremony, in his office at the Capitol, where he Arrest Follows Investigation of Fire expects to be signing bills during the closing hours of Congress.

He will take the oath upon the same Bible he used when sworn in as Governor of New Jersey and later when Charged with setting fire to the he took his first oath as President.

of Virginia, in order to hide thefts of another oath at the open-air inaugural platinum valued at \$2,500, S. Dabney ceremonies at the Capitol just before Crenshaw, IV., son of S. Dabney Cren- he delivers his inaugural address shaw, of 919 West Franklin Street, There was ample precedent in law for vice-president of the Virginia-Carolina until Monday, but he elected to take

SUFFRAGISTS END SIEGE jury in Charlottesville yesterday, and do the same thing and repeat his part was given his freedom on the fling of of the ceremony in the Senate cham-

stroyed by fire early on the morning nearly all the week has not dampened An investigation, which the inaugural enthusiasm any, because the Weather Bureau has made a prediction that, while it may be unsettled Sunday, it probably will be fair

Inaugural crowds which have braved the capricious weather of March will ELABORATE PLANS ABANDONED consider themselves lucky to find any thing but rain or snow.

NOTE OF PATRIOTISM DOMINATES ALL ELSE Everything is in readiness for the ceremonies, which promise to be a burning of a public building in the great demonstration of Americanism. coming at a time when the country is faced with foreign complications of

o'clock yesterday afternoon. The hear- and blue complete the blue of decorations. To-night hundreds of son on behalf of a Federal suffrage amendment. W. Duke, Jr. Attorneys Allen and ing in the white beams of flood lights, Walsh appeared as counsel for the ac- the dome of the Capitol down at the Congressional Union for Woman Suf cused, who was accompanied by his foot of Pennsylvania Avenue looms up frage and the National Women's Party, over Peace Monument brighter and recently merged, have enlisted sharper than it stands on a sapphire lengthen for the final watch the line day. A great finger of light shoots of pickets on guard at the White House stood that the accused waived a through the darkness and points at the gates for the last six weeks, encomformal preliminary hearing. He was tip of the Washington Monument, passing the President's comings and

Young Crenshaw, who is twenty-two | Before the White House the court years old, is a third-year student at of honor in which President Wilson will the demonstration follow plans the university and prominent in its will review the inaugural procession that have been laid to reproduce the social and athletic world. He is a social and athletic world. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fra- constructed along Pennsylvania Avenue At first it was proposed to circle the are illuminated in a similar way, and White House seven times, with seven the broad avenue is looped, trimmed priests carrying the suffrage arm, and and decked with hundreds of strands accompanied by "a long blast of the of glimmering lamps.

Thousands are pouring into the city, the suffragists the stronghold of op-Troops, bronzed and hardened from position to the cause of suffrage by months of service on the Mexican bor- Federal amendment. der, are here to line the avenue on REASONS FOR CHANGE Monday as the President passes by-the first time since the first inauguration of Lincoln that soldiers have been present in that way.

Hundreds of young military cadets are about in their attractive uniforms; national situation would make such other visitors have crammed the hotels a demonstration appear in bad taste, and all available places.

SIMPLE INAUGURATION seem to border on the sacreligious. President Wilson has asked that his inauguration be a simple one, and, aside from the great manifestations of pariotism which are seen on every hand, it will be a simple affair, lacking pomp. Governors of States were arriving to-night in gold-laden Democratic clubs, Boy Scouts, sufpicious nature, whether originating in fragists, civic organizations and the world and his wife, were coming in as the advance guard of the great crowd which will begin to pack the

city Sunday and early Monday. The President himself has given little attention to the preparations for his inaugural. Late to-day he took a short walk with Mrs. Wilson and in spected the court of honor.

are guests at the White House, Members of the Cabinet were notified late to-day to be at the Capitol shortly

before noon to-morrow to advise the present when he takes the oath of

The inauguration, quite aside from the solemnity and dignity of its place in American institutions, promises to

DOES NOT YIELD TO DESIRE FOR INAUGURAL BALL President Wilson's opposition to the time-honored inaugural ball has been maintained over all the pressure brought to bear for such an event, and there will be no reception or other so

There was no ball at the President' In the meantime, the investigators inauguration in 1913, and that was the had provided themselves with a list of first time since 1877 that such an event all persons who had had access to the had not been the climax of the cerelaboratory, and the members of the monies of the day. In 1877 the Hayesthe investigators heard from a tribunal which seated President Hayes dealer to whom platinum had been was not announced until March 3, and offered by a student of the university, there was no opportunity for arrang-

NEXT SUMMER, SAYS MANN

WASHINGTON, March 3.-Republian Leader Mann, in a speech this af ternoon, said there was every probability of an extra session before next summer. He said it was evident the Senate is not likely to pass the army, for suffrage. sundry civil, Military Academy and general deficiency appropriation bills.

ARMED-SHIP BILL FRANK ADMISSION BY ZIMMERMANN NOT SURPRISING

Officials, However, Hardly Expected Such Full Acknowledgment.

KNEW OWN EVIDENCE WAS FULLY AUTHENTIC

day, expressing an earnest hope that German Defense Is That Intrigue the vote by which that body killed Was to Be Carried Out Only if U. S. Entered War. the lower house of the Legislature.

DOES NOT CHANGE SITUATION

Charge of Efforts to Unite Pan-America Against Teutons Lacks Any Foundation.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 3.—German Foreign Minister Zimmermann's frank admission that Germany did seek to ally Japan and Mexico with her to war against the United States caused no surprise to American officials, al-though it may be said they did not so full and free acknowledg-

ment of the exposure.

Some officials thought there might be an attempt to discredit the revelations by offering an explanation of a

different character.

American officials never have had the least doubt of the authenticity of the evidence in their hands. Minister Zimmermann's defense of Germany's intrigue on the ground that it only was intended to be carried out in the event the United States did not remain neu tral is not taken to change the situation in the slightest degree

Whether it was presented to the Carranza government or not, and the fact that it is believed not to have been communicated to Japan, do not, in the opinion of American officials, alter the established fact that Germany, while seeking the offices of the United States to make peace, and while protesting her innocence of any inten the White House with a chain of tion to violate American lives, was at the same moment preparing un-restricted submarine warfare and was intriguing to attack the United States with two allies.

NOTHING IN CHARGE

OF U. S. BEING IN "PLOT" Mr. Zimmermann's references to an alleged "plot" by the United States to unite Pan-America against Germany, are regarded with mingled feelings of incomprehension and amusement. The Pan-American Union, the Argentine embassy, and the State Department can find record of no such newspaper pub lication as Zimmermann contends revealed the "plot" in Buenos Aires.

The only event which officials car which is susceptible of being distorted into such a charge as Zim mermann makes was discussed early in Secretary of State Bryan's term of office of a plan to surround the Panerations. Nothing ever came of it. think his published instructions to Von over Counties.

Eckhardt, German minister in Mexico Why that method of attack was clear by the women's leaders, some of eign Minister Zimmermann's charge, pearance in the fight over the office and officials there described it as

"foolish." Officials of the embassy had no of the so-called "news knowledge article" said by the German Foreign Still others say the more elaborate Minister to have been published recently in La Prenza. Copies of the considered no longer necessary. They paper received here were said to contain nothing on the subject.

They further declared the Bueno crumble soon beneath the gentler in-Aires newspaper certainly could not reveal a "plot" when they are certain, by reason of their intimate knowledge of relations between the United States Outwardly, at least, the President has and their government, no such "plot"

position to a Federal amendment, and his preference for suffrage by State ZIMMERMANN DECLARES enactment. Daily he has smiled and

HIS ACTION JUSTIFIED [By Associated Press.] BERLIN, March 3 (via Sayville) .-The following was given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency (the of During the first days of the siege, ficial German news bureau);

when bitter January winds tried the Foreign Secretary Zimmermann was courage of the guards, he sent them asked by a staff member of the Over an invitation to come inside. But it seas News Agency about the English was not accepted, and since then, report that a German plot had been reexcept for the daily smile and salute, vealed to get Mexico to declare war he has not shown that he was aware against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States Secretary Zimmermann answered:

remarkable perhaps of all those that "You understand that it is impossible have characterized the fight for equal for me to discuss the facts of this 'resuffrage, will be timed to begin at 3 vealed plot just at this moment and o'clock P M., three hours after the under these circumstances. I therefore official beginning of the new pres- may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports. Forming at the union headquarters which certainly are not inspired by in a near-by street, the line will pro- sympathy with Germany. The Engpast the east entrance of the lish report expressly states that Ger White House, encompass the semi- many expected and wished to remain grounds next to the ellipse, pass up States, but that we had prepared and State, War and Navy Building and States declared war against Germany. back to the east on Pennsylvania Ave- I fail to see how such a 'plot' is in nue, halting when the ring has been spired by unfriendliness on our part. (Continued on Ninth Page.)

"Fair and Colder" for Inauguration Day

WASHINGTON, March 3 .- "Probably colder and generally fair," was the official weather forecast tonight for inauguration day, but the Wenther Bureau explained that conditions could not be foretold accurately because of the uncertainty of movement of a storm centered of rain or snow for the capital was torecast for to-morrow.

Manifesto by Armed-Ship Advocates; President May Determine to Act

WASHINGTON, March 4 .- A manifesto, prepared by Democratic and Republican Senators who favor the passage of the armed-ship bill, to show the country where the responsibility for its fallure to pas rests, was largely signed. It is as follows:

"The undersigned United States Senators favor the passage of Senate bill 8322, to authorize the Pres ident of the United States to American merchant vessels. A simllar bill already has passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 403 to 13. Under the rules of the Senate, allowing unlimited debate it now appears to be impossible to obtain a vote prior to noon March 4. when the session of Congress ex pires.

"We desire the statement entered in the record to establish the fact that the Senate favors the legislation, and would pass it if a vote could be obtained."

Sixty-eight Senators had signed the manifesto at a late hour last night, and others who were absent were known to favor it. Senators Democrats - Ashurst, Bankhead

Beckham, Broussard, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Culberson, Fletcher, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollin, Hughes, Husting, James, Johnson, of Maine; Kern, Lee, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Myers, Newlands, O'Gorman, Overman, Owen, Phelan, Pittman Pomerene, Ranadell, Robinson Saulsbury, Shafroth, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons, Smith, of Georgia; Smith, of Maryland; Smith, of South Carolina; Swanson, Thomas Walsh and Williams-13.

Republicans-Borah, Brady, Brandegee, Clark, Colt. Curtis, Dillingham, Fall. Fernald, Harding, Lodge, McCumber, McLean, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Poindexter, Sherman, Smith. of Michigan; Smoot, Sterling, Sutherland, Townsend, Wadsworth and

FACING FAILURE

Among the Senators absent were: Gallinger, Goff, Gore, and Smith, of

Whether President Wilson will undertake to arm American merchantmen If Congress falls to pass the armed neutrality bill granting him specific authority was a subject of speculation in the capital tonight.

The President declared in his address asking congressional action that "no doubt I aiready possess that authority without special warrant of law by the plain indication of my constitutional duties and powers." He added that he preferred in the present circumstances not to act upon "general implica-tions." The navy already having made preparations for arming merchantmen, it was the opinion of some administration officials that the President might decide to carry out that policy even if Congress does not act. He has given no indica tion of his intention.

The impression grew that the President would take the opportunity to discuss the situation in his inaugural address on Monday. Although he has written it, it has not been sent to the public printer, and last-minute changes may be made Mr. Wilson remained up until nearly midnight, and kept in close touch with the Senate situation.

NORFOLK COUNTY ROW BRITISH MAINTAIN DAILY AIRED IN STATE BOARD

Fentress-Accused of Being Candidate Haig's Forces Make Average Cain of of Fusionists, Dominated by Alvah Martin.

HANOVER CASE IS HEARD MEET STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Supervisors Threaten to Stop Pay, Unless Candidate of Their Choice Is Elected—Chandler Re-Elected Richmond Superintendent.

The comparative quiet which has attended for the last two days the seswhich there were to be no naval op- which met here on Thursday for the France. appointment of division school super-Zimmermann's statement was read intendents, was suddenly dispelled yesto-day in the Senate, and some Sen- terday when political storms broke ators, who were at first inclined to from the direction of Norfolk and Han-

From Norfolk County came the cry crats had professed to have disposed was said nothing was known of For- of forever-is making a sinister reapof division superintendent. cific charge was made that J. T. Fentress, principal of Chimborazo Public School, this city, is the candidate of the Fusionist faction, dominated by Alvah H. Martin, Republican National Committeeman from Virginia and clerk of the court of Norfolk County.

In Hanover County, the school patrons and their friends apparently have divided upon the rock of undue sult that a large body of citizens tions alleged to have been passed by the Board of Supervisors, threatening to cut off the salary of the division superintendent if Rev. W. D. Bremner division lengagements have occurred is not elected to that position over the incumbent, John H. Wickham. BOARD RESERVES DECISION

ON NORFOLK COUNTY ROW The Norfolk County storm has subsided. Each man has had his say, and the matter of election is now the business solely of the State Board of Education. The Hanover County situation will be finally threshed out on Wednesday, when the board will again meet to dispose of elections not made during its three-day session.

board of Norfolk County, presented to the board the claims of Mr. Fentress for appointment. He stated that there was held on last Monday a meeting of his board, which, after considering Raids and artillery actions are reported any legislation in response to his carefully the name of each of the halfdozen or more candidates, with refer- lan fronts. circular southern boundary of the on terms of friendship with the United dorsed the application of Mr. Fentress. the street between the White House measures of defense in case the United Tillett said, with the exception of one or two votes.

the meeting on Monday.

TILLETT DENIES

CHARGE OF POLITICS Taking the floor again, Mr. Tillett denied positively that politics played any part in the indorsement, but asserted again that Fentress was the choice of his board simply because of his peculiar fitness for the office of division superintendent.

Q. C. Davis, chairman of the Democratic party in Norfolk County, and member of the House of Delegates from that county, then arose and asked the point-blank question: "Is it not true that Mr. Fentress has the indorsement of the Fusionist faction in Norfolk County, which is dominated by Alvan Continued on Tenth Page.)

ADVANCE ON ANCRE FRONT

Quarter Mile on Five-Mile Line.

Latest Move Puts English Close to Positions Where It Was Expected

That Germans Would Make Stand, Hamadan Won by Russians. [By Associated Press.] British troops continue to maintain facing failure because of the oppotential their daily progress against the Gertion of a small group of Progress

man lines on the Ancre front, in Republicans, Democratic and Republi Haig's forces, London records, made night a manifesto to show the country an average advance of a quarter-mile just where the responsibility will rest, on a front of nearly five miles in the if the measure is not passed. face of stubborn German resistance. The latest gain was made cast of developed strong indications that the City, was a forgery, had the statement that Fusionism—that brand of politi-Puisleux-au-Mont and north of Gom- bill's opponents intended to prevent on the Essarts-Bucquoy-Bapaume line, to-morrow, the manifesto had been where it has been reported the Ger-Berlin says there have been violent infantry encounters on both banks of the Ancre, and it is apparent Crown Prince Rupprecht is offering greater document until it became certain that resistance to the British attempts to no vote would be permitted, and then Sailly-Saillisel, several miles south of the scene of the British advance, and northeast of Guedecourt, the seched. Germans are said to have attacked the She leaders had not entirely abancourt, the Germans, by a bombing atassumption of authority, with the re- tack, gained ground east of Sailly-Saillisel. The lost ground is reported protesting vigorously against resolu- to have been regained in its entirety by the British. On the remainder of

HAMADAN, IN PERSIA,

CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS Hamadan, in Persia, 240 miles north- part of a few Progressive Republication east of Bagdad, the goal of the present British advance in Mesopotamia, has been captured by the Russians, occupation of Hamadan may presage cratic leaders ito-night appealed another attempt by the Russians to advance into Mesopotamia from the negotiate an agreement for a compr east to aid the British forces there. In a raid on Russian lines west of Lutsk, Volhynia, which were penetrated The Democrats in cloak-room co nearly a mile, Berlin says the Germans ferences, while the tenacious flibus! Mr. Tillett, a member of the school destroyed the Russian works and took continued on the Senate floor, declar 122 prisoners.

the western front raids and artillery

There has been no great activity cans that it would be a most serie elsewhere on the western front, and blow to American prestige in heavy snows are reported in Roumania. world crisis to refuse the Preside from the Macedonian and Austro-Ital- peal for authority to arm America

Except for the announcement in man submarine blockade. London that the Greek steamer Pro- The minority leaders were told it The indorsement was unanimous, Mr. connissos, of 2,769 tons, has been sunk failure of the armed-neutrality bill r by a submarine, no reports of losses only would be a humiliation to Am from German submarine activities have ica abroad, but would be fearful At this point, the question of been issued from the entente capitals. Fusionism was injected by a member The French Admiralty announces that of the board who was not present at it will not issue a daily list of submarine losses, but will give out a weekly Figures vouched for in London show that German submarines destroyed 490,000 tons of shipping in February. This figure is less than half the 1,000,000 tons which Berlin has claimed would result from unrestricted submarine warfare.

> HAMADAN CAPTURED BY RUSSIAN FORCES

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 3 .- Hamadan, mportant Persian city near the Turk-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

INAUGURATION-SPECIAL TRAIN via R., F. & P. R. R., leaves Elba Station, Richmond, 7 A. M., March 5; returning leaves Washington 7:30 P. M. same day. Fare, \$3.75 round trip.—Adv,

OPPONENTS WORK TO PREVENT BY NOON TO-DAY

Small Group of Progressive Republicans Blocks Legislation.

ADVOCATES PREPARE MANIFESTO TO COUNTRY

Democratic and Republican Senators Join in Placing Responsibility for Defeat.

ABOUT 90 PER CENT TO SIGN

Measure Debated Throughout Day, With Stone Fighting President's Request.

Senate May Remain in Session Till Noon

WASHINGTON, March 4. proaching its close early to-day, with failure of some of the major administration measures certain and the fate of others hanging in the balance. Held up by the determined opposition of a small group of Senators, who threatened to prolong debate until the end of the session struck at noon, the President's armed neutrality bill was giving the leaders most concern. The naval bill, with its provisions

for continuing the big building pregram, was one of the measures that had been caught in the legislative jam, but it was saved when the Senate shortly after 1 o'clock interrupted debute on the neutrality bill long enough to approve a can-ference report already accepted by

Outstripping the Senate in clear ing away legislative odds and endering away legislative odds and ender the House recessed at 12:52 A. B. to 10 A. M. There was no prespective that the Senate would interrupt session until expiration at noon.

WASHINGTON, March 3.- With Pres, dent Wilson's armed-neutrality bil On Saturday Field Marshal can Senators favoring it prepared to-

At midnight, when the debate had

signed by more than a majority of the were expected to make a stand. Senate, and friends of the bill said that in the end it would bear the signatures of 90 per cent of the Senators. -It was the intention to hold back the to read it into the Senate record, with the names of those who had stood

behind the President's program atdoned hope of saving the measure, and some of them thought circulation of the manifesto for signatures had increased the possibilities of passage. It was considered, however, that that possibility still was a remote one.

DEMOCRATS APPEAL TO REPUBLICAN LEADERS Convinced of a determination on the Senators to kill the bill authorizin President Wilson to arm America merchant ships for defense against the German submarine blockade, Demi some of the Republican leaders

"the welfare of the country." to some of the Progressive Repul ships for protection against the Ge

mise on this proposed legislation f

its encouragement of dissension

Senator Simmons, of North Carolin chairman of the Finance Committ was chosen by the administration forces to open the negotiations. conferred first with Senator Brane gee, of the regular Republicans, Senator Kenyon, representing the Pro-gressive Republicans, both of whom have supported the bill, urging them to intercede with Senators La Foliette, Norris, Gronna and Cummins. PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS

HOPE TO DEFEAT PASSAGE These four Progressive Republican efused earlier in the night to accent any proposition to expedite passage the bill, and some openly declared ther would defeat its passage if possible. At 9 o'clock nothing had resulted from the negotiations, but it was re-